



State of Vermont
Advisory Council for Historic Preservation
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**Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
October 22, 2015
Grace Coolidge Conference Room
Montpelier, Vermont**

Council Participants: John Vetter, Chair, Archaeologist
Barbara George, Vice Chair, Citizen Member
Ron Kilburn, Citizen Member
Blaine Cliver, Historical Architect
Helen Whyte, Citizen Member
David Donath, Historian
Glenn Andres, Architectural Historian

Historic Preservation

Staff Participants: Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
Dale Azaria, General Counsel
Jenni Lavoie, Administrative Assistant
Scott Dillon, Survey Archaeologist
Jess Robinson, State Archaeologist
Devin Colman, State Architectural Historian
Caitlin Corkins, State Grants Administrator

Guests: David Mooney, Architect, Battenkill Inn

Chair John Vetter brought the meeting to order at 9:06 am in the Grace Coolidge conference room in Montpelier, Vermont.

- I. Changes to the Agenda**
There were no changes to the agenda.
- II. Public Comment**
John Vetter opened the meeting to public comment. There were no public comments.
- III. Review and Approval of September 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes**
Barbara George commented that she would like the roadside marker statistics provided to the council by Matt Goguen included in the September minutes. Barbara made a motion to approve the September 24, 2015 minutes and Helen Whyte seconded. The motion carried 7-0.
- IV. ACT 250 Guidance for Archaeology**
Dale Azaria joined the meeting to discuss the role of the council for ACT 250 specifically pertaining to archaeology. The discussion focused on archaeological sites that have the potential to yield information. Scott Dillon and Jess Robinson provided council members with an understanding



of the Predictive model that is used to evaluate if a site has the potential to yield archaeological information. The Advisory Council adopted the Predictive model many years ago and has not been updated since. Scott and Jess are currently reevaluating the Predictive model to refresh the document. Dale requested council members to reaffirm the use of the Predictive model as initial testimony on their behalf in ACT 250 regulatory proceedings and develop language to that effect. After thorough discussion, David Donath moved that the Advisory Council approve the following statement. Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion passed 7-0:

“The Advisory Council has determined that a location that scores 32 or higher on the Vermont DHP Predictive Model for Locating Precontact Archaeological Sites (10/2015 Rev.) means that the location is likely to yield information important in pre-history or history. We delegate to the Division for Historic Preservation authority and responsibility to testify regarding the Predictive Model results and the eligibility of a site for inclusion in the State or National Register to any ACT 250 District Commission and to the Public Service Board, as needed.”

V. HP Grant Update

Caitlin Corkins joined the meeting to give council members a quick overview of the Historic Preservation grant applications received that will be awarded at the December meeting. The Division has received 55 applications with \$889,000 in requested funds, which is up from 41 applications and \$631,000 requested funds last year. The Division has been allocated \$200,000 available to fund the requests.

VI. State Register Determination of Eligibility

Battenkill Inn, Sunderland

Devin Colman presented a review of the Battenkill Inn in Sunderland. Staff recommends that it is eligible for listing in the State Register under Criterion C & D. David Mooney, architect for the Inn, was available to answer questions from council members. Following council review and discussion David Donath made a motion to find the Battenkill Inn eligible for the State Register under Criterion C & D, Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Red Barn, Danville

Devin Colman presented a review of the Red Barn in Danville. Staff recommends that it is eligible for listing in the State Register under Criterion A & C. Following council review and discussion Glenn Andres made a motion to find the Red Barn eligible for the State Register under Criterion A & C, Blaine Cliver seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Devin also advised the council that October is normally a National Register review month, time constraints did not allow for the property to be reviewed this month. The council anticipate reviewing the property being consider for the National Register at the November meeting.

VII. SHPO Report

Laura Trieschmann provided council members with updates on several topics.

Federal Reporting – The Division recently ended the federal fiscal year. Staff are currently gathering numbers for each program to report on.

Consultant Trainings – News of the Division’s recent consultant trainings, have resulted in inquiries from several states who would like to develop similar trainings.



Programmatic Agreements (PA) – The VTrans draft PA has been sent to the local Federal Highway Administration for review and input.

Barn Grants – The Division is expecting the upcoming barn grants to be quite competitive as applications are already being received well in advance of the November 2, 2015 deadline. Council members will review the barn grant applications at the February meeting.

2016 Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference – The 2016 conference will be held on June 10, 2016 in Waterbury.

State Plan – Laura advised the council that she recently met with the Chief Marketing Officer and Marketing Manager, who are going to help with the design, layout and overall look of the document. Discussion focused on the Division’s goals, which had been sent previously to the council members. She also indicated that while researching the history of the Division, she discovered some inconsistencies of information, such as which location was the first historic site in the state. Previously thought to be the Hubbardton Battlefield, research revealed the first site owned by the state was the Chester Arthur historic site.

VIII. New Business

Meeting Schedules

The following meeting dates were selected, with one change to an existing meeting date. The November meeting was changed from Wednesday, November 18, to a phone meeting on Tuesday, November 17.
Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Montpelier.
Thursday, February 25, 2016 in Montpelier.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 12:13 p.m.